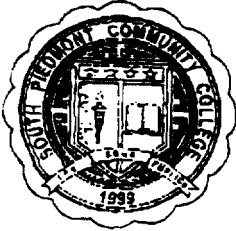


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February 7, 2001

Senator Jesse A. Helms
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Dear Senator Helms:

South Piedmont Community College, which serves your native Union County along with neighboring Anson County, respectfully requests your assistance with a matter involving the Federal Communications Commission.

For five years, the N.C. Community College system has worked to obtain Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) licenses from the FCC. The licenses would give many colleges wireless broadband connectivity for educational purposes. Especially for rural areas of the state, the licenses are invaluable as a means of narrowing the digital divide.

Our latest threat to licensing is from the third generation of mobile/handheld devices, commonly known as 3-G. Allocating to 3-G frequencies that could support our wireless network would doom a potentially valuable educational resource. It should be noted that there are other frequencies that can accommodate 3-G.

Any assistance you might provide in opposing the 3-G raid on ITFS will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Altieri, Ed.D.
President

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